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SUBJECT THAI FOREIGN MINISTER'S COMMENTS ON US/THAI

RELATIONS

FOLLOWING IS AN UNOFFICIAL USIS TRANSLATION OF THE REMARKS  
ON THAI/US RELATIONS OF FOREIGN MINISTER CHARUNPHAN  
ISSARANGUN NA AYUTTHAYA DURING HIS OCTOBER 25 PRESS CONFERENCE.

REPORTER: WILL YOU PLEASE MAKE A STATEMENT ON OUR  
POLICY TOWARD THE UNITED STATES WILL ANYTHING BE  
CHANGED?

CHARUNPHAN: THE BASIC POLICY OF THAILAND OR THE THAI  
GOVERNMENT IS TO IMPLEMENT GOOD FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH  
ALL COUNTRIES THAT SHOW FRIENDSHIP TOWARD THAILAND.  
THEREFORE NOTHING WILL BE CHANGED IN RELATIONS BETWEEN  
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THAILAND AND THE UNITED STATES, BECAUSE GOOD RELATIONS

HAVE EXISTED BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES FOR YEARS. SHOULD YOU FEEL ANY SUSPICIONS OR DOUBTS ON ANY MATTER IN PARTICULAR I AM READY TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS.

REPORTER: WILL A MEETING BE HELD TO CONTINUE TALKS FOR FURTHER WITHDRAWALS OF AMERICAN MILITARY FORCES IN THAILAND, OR WILL THEY REMAIN HERE AT THEIR PRESENT STRENGTH FOR THE TIME BEING?

CHARUNPHAN: THIS IS MY DUTY AND THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WILL PROPOSE FOR MEETINGS TO BE HELD ON FURTHER WITHDRAWALS AND THEY WILL BE CONTINUED AND NOT COME TO A STANDSTILL. THE TARGET SET IS FOR WITHDRAWALS TO BE CONTINUED STEADILY UNTIL THOSE MILITARY FORCES ARE COMPLETELY WITHDRAWN. THIS, HOWEVER, WILL TAKE SOME TIME BECAUSE WE MUST CONSIDER THE SITUATION AND VARIOUS NECESSITIES. I AM TRYING TO EXPLAIN THIS SO THAT ALL MASS MEDIA WILL UNDERSTAND THAT WE POSSESS SOVERIGN POWERS IN FULL TO MAKE THESE MOVES. WE WILL CARRY ON NEGOTIATIONS FOR WITHDRAWALS TO BE CONTINUED STEP BY STEP. DEPENDING ON THE NECESSITY OF THE SITUATION.

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